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CIV. 609 (5/2012)

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CARL JONES

1337 James Street Chester, PA. 19013

Plaintiff,

vs.

OFFICER RICHARD BARTH

1840 Harris Street Chester, PA 19013

CHESTER TOWNSHIP

1150 Engle Street Chester, PA. 19013

And

TAMMY STRAND-YARBRAY

Chester Upland School District Administration Building 1720 Melrose Avenue Chester, PA 19013

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO.

District Judge

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE 4TH AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, SECTION 1983 OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, FALSE ARREST, FALSE IMPRISONMENT, MALICIOUS PROSECUTION, INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

Plaintiff, Carl Jones, by way of Complaint against defendants says:

PARTIES

- Plaintiff, Carl Jones, is an adult individual and citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, residing in Chester.
- 2. Defendant, Tammy Strand-Yarbray, is an adult individual and citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, residing in Chester.

- 3. Defendant, Chester Township, was and still is a domestic municipal corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, with a principal place of business located at 1150 Engle Street, Chester, PA. 19013.
- 4. Defendant, Officer Richard Barth, was at all times relevant an employee of the defendant, Chester Township. At all times herein mentioned, defendant Officer Barth, was acting under the color of law and in his individual capacity as police officer of the defendant, Chester Township.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. The Court has jurisdiction over the lawsuit because the action arises under the Laws and Constitution of the United States, in particular, the Fourth Amendment and 42 U.S.C.A. § 1983. Plaintiff was deprived of his rights secured to him under the Constitution and the laws of the United States including, but not limited to, his right to be secure in his person and property and be free from unlawful arrests and seizures when no probable cause exists. Plaintiff, Carl Jones, was arrested and charged without probable cause. Plaintiff, Carl Jones, was additionally falsely and maliciously prosecuted without any cause or legal justification.
- 6. The Court has supplemental jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C § 1367 over plaintiff's claims arising under State law, including but not limited to violations of his State rights against defendants for, false arrest, malicious prosecution, and intentional infliction of emotional distress because these claims are so related to the claims within the Court's original jurisdiction that they form part of the same case or controversy under Article 3 of the United States Constitution.

7. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to <u>28 U.S.C. §1391</u>, as the claims at issue arose in this judicial district.

COMPLAINT GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 8. The above paragraphs are repeated and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- 9. In May of 2012, plaintiff entered into a contract with defendant, Tammy Strand-Yarbray, to repair Yarbray's outdoor deck and resurface her driveway.
- 10. A contract price of \$2,650.00, with a \$350.00 initial deposit, was negotiated between plaintiff and defendant Yarbray for the above mentioned work to be performed by plaintiff.
- 11. When plaintiff started the repairs on defendant Yarbrays deck, it became apparent to him that the deck was un-repairable due to a completely rotted header board.
- 12. Plaintiff told Yarbray that the deck needed to be completely replaced, due to the above mentioned unsafe condition. With the above information, defendant Yarbray cancelled the contract.
- 13. Plaintiff then told Yarbray that he would refund Yarbray the \$350.00 deposit minus a \$150.00 service charge for the work he did perform on the deck by the end of the week.
- 14. Approximately 48 hours after the cancellation of the contract between the plaintiff and Yarbray, plaintiff received a phone call from defendant, Officer Richard Barth in which Barth accused the plaintiff of theft. Plaintiff then told Officer Barth the terms of the cancellation of his contract with Yabray and additionally

- informed Officer Barth that he was going to give Yarbray her refund at the end of the day.
- 15. Plaintiff then went to Yarbray's house and refunded her money per the terms of the cancellation of the contract. Plaintiff additionally got a receipt from Yarbray for the refund.
- 16. The next day, plaintiff received an additional phone call from Officer Barth stating to plaintiff, "Unless you give Tammy all her money back, I'm going to issue a warrant for your arrest." Plaintiff told Officer Barth that the contract had been resolved.
- 17. Approximately one month later, on June 12, 2012, plaintiff was issued a warrant for his arrest and charged with Theft by Deception, Theft by Unlawful taking of movable Property and Receiving Stolen Property, by defendant Officer Barth.
- 18. Plaintiff was arraigned on the above mentioned charges in August of 2012.
- 19. Plaintiff endured eleven months of criminal litigation regarding the above mentioned charges against him, which cost the plaintiff \$1,500.00 in criminal defense fees.
- 20. On January 25, 2013, all of the above charges against the plaintiff were dismissed by Judge Kevin Kelly of the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas.

<u>COUNT I</u>

PLAINTIFF CARL JONES VS. OFFICER RICHARD BARTH THE RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO BE SECURE IN THEIR PERSONS UNDER THE 4th AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FALSE ARREST AND MALICIOUS PROSECUTION UNDER SECTION 1983, CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

21. The allegations contained above are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

- 22. The above described actions of defendant, Officer Richard Barth, constitute violations of plaintiff's constitutionally protected right to be secure in his person as provided by the 4th Amendment of the United States Constitution.
- 23. The arrest of plaintiff, by defendant Barth was carried out unlawfully, intentionally and maliciously, without just or probable cause, for the express purpose of trying to justify the illegal false arrest and malicious prosecution of plaintiff.
- 24. The arrest of plaintiff by defendant Barth violated plaintiff's rights under the United States Constitution and the Laws of the State of Pennsylvania.
- 25. The actions of defendant Barth, as a police officer, was committed under color of law and authority of defendant Chester Township and its police department, and while acting in his individual capacity as a police officer. The actions or inactions of the defendant Barth recklessly disregarded and therefore deprived plaintiff of his rights under the Laws and Constitution of the United States, in particular, the Fourth Amendment and 42 U.S.C.A. § 1983, including but not limited to the right to be secure in this person, to be free from unlawful arrests.

COUNT II PLAINTIFF CARL JONES VS. CHESTER TOWNSHIP FAILURE TO TRAIN, SUPERVISE AND DISCIPLINE DEFENDANT RICHARD BARTH UNDER MONNELL

- 26. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated in this Count but will not be restated for the sake of brevity.
- 27. Defendant, Chester Township and its police department, as a matter of policy and practice failed to discipline, train, supervise or otherwise sanction police officer Richard Barth who has violated the rights of citizens, including the plaintiff's,

- thus encouraging defendant officer Barth, in this case, to engage in the unlawful and actionable conduct described above.
- 28. Defendant, Chester Township and its police department as a further matter of policy and practice failed to train properly its police officer, Richard Barth, with respect to the constitutional, statutory and departmental limits of his authority.
- 29. The defendant, Chester Township and its Police Department were on actual notice of a need to train, supervise, discipline or terminate defendant Richard Barth, prior to the incident in question, as other similar incidents have occurred in the past involving defendant Richard Barth.

COUNT III PLAINTIFF CARL JONES VS. OFFICER RICHARD BARTH AND TAMMY STRANDYARBRAY MALICIOUS PROSECUTION

- 30. The foregoing paragraphs are incorporated in this Count but will not be restated for the sake of brevity.
- 31. The actions of defendants amount to a malicious prosecution under both 28 U.S.C. section 1983 and the common law.

COUNT IV PLAINTIFF CARL JONES VS. OFFICER RICHARD BARTH AND TAMMY STRANDYARBRAY INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

- 32. The allegations contained above are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.
- 33. The above described false allegations against the plaintiff by defendant Yarbray and the illegal arrest of the plaintiff by defendant Barth constitutes an assault and

battery, as a result of which, plaintiff was injured and sustained severe and significant emotional distress.

PLAINTIFF CARL JONES VS. OFFICER RICHARD BARTH, TAMMY STRAND-YARBRAY AND CHESTER TOWNSHIP DAMAGES

- 34. The above paragraphs are repeated and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- 35. As a direct and proximate result of the defendants' conduct, plaintiff suffered severe mental anguish in the past and future and was deprived of his State and Federal Constitutional Rights as aforementioned, has and will have suffered economic damages and was otherwise damaged.
- 36. The plaintiff has suffered and will suffer in the future from permanent residuals.

ATTORNEY FEES

37. It was necessary for plaintiff to hire the undersigned attorney to file this lawsuit.

Upon judgment, plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorney fees and costs under

42 U.S.C. § 1988 (b).

PRAYER

- 38. The above paragraphs are repeated and incorporate herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- 39. Plaintiff demands judgment against defendants Yarbray and Barth individually, jointly and/or in the alternative for: compensatory damages, punitive damages, attorney fees, interest and costs of suit and such relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.

40. Plaintiff demands judgment against defendant, Chester Township, jointly and/or in the alternative for: compensatory damages, attorney fees, interest and costs of suit and such relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.

PLAINTIFF'S DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

41. Plaintiff asserts his rights under the Seventh Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and demands, in accordance with the Federal Rule 38, a trial by jury on all issues.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH OXMAN ESQUIRE Attorney for Plaintiff

VERIFICATION

The undersigned hereby verifies that the within document is based on first-hand information and on information furnished to counsel and obtained by him in the course of this lawsuit. The language of the document is that of counsel and not of the affiant. To the extent that the contents of the document are based on information furnished to counsel and obtained by him during the course of this lawsuit, affiant has relied upon counsel in taking this verification. All statements are founded upon reasonable belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. Section 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

PLAINTIFF